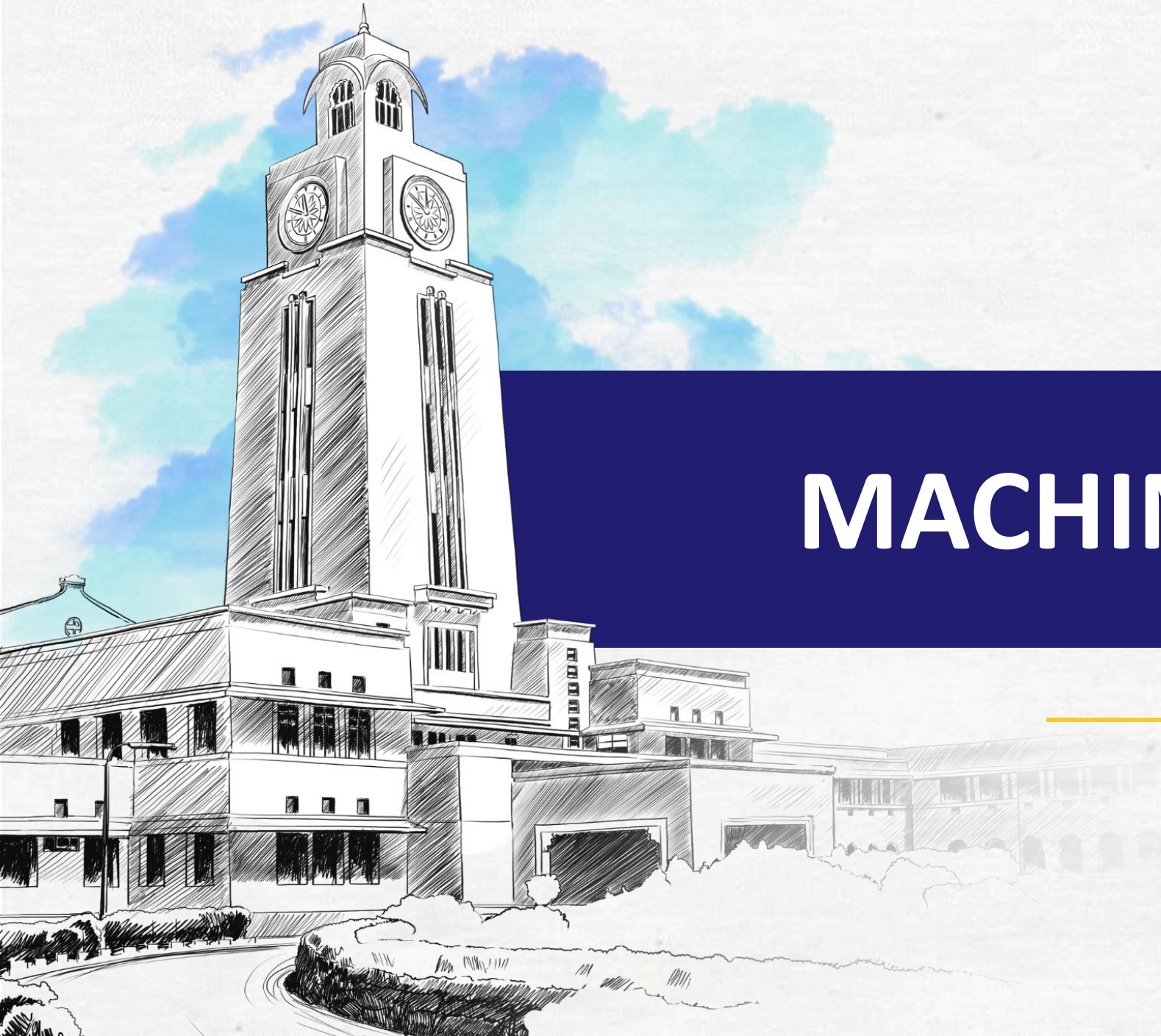

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MACHINE LEARNING

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Course Introduction

- **Objective of course**
  - Introduction to the basic concepts and techniques of Machine Learning
  - Gain experience in basics of doing independent study and research in the field of Machine Learning
  - Develop skills of using recent machine learning software tools to evaluate learning algorithms and model selection for solving practical problems
- **Focus of this course**
  - Strong Mathematical Foundations of ML algorithms
  - Structured Data Analytics
  - IDD (Independent & Identically Distributed Data)
- **Topics not expected of this course**
  - Unstructured Data Analytics
  - Time Series/Sequence Data Analytics
  - Deep Learning

Course Plan

Module

M1	Introduction
M2	Machine learning Workflow
M3	Linear Models for Regression
M4	Linear Models for Classification
M5	Decision Tree
M6	Instance Based Learning
M7	Support Vector Machine
M8	Bayesian Learning
M9	Ensemble Learning
M10	Unsupervised Learning
M11	Machine Learning Model Evaluation/Comparison

Text books and Reference book(s)

T1 Tom M. Mitchell: Machine Learning, The McGraw-Hill Companies

R1 Christopher M. Bishop: Pattern Recognition & Machine Learning, Springer

P. Tan, et al. Introduction to Data Mining, Pearson

R2 C.J.C. BURGES: A Tutorial on Support Vector Machines for Pattern Recognition, Kluwer Academic

R3 Publishers, Boston.

Evaluation scheme

- **Quiz (10% - Best 2 of 3 quizzes)**
- **Assignment (20% - 1 Progressive Assignment)**
- **Mid-semester exam (30%)**
- **Comprehensive exam (40%)**

Pre-requisites

- Linear algebra: vector/matrix manipulations, properties
- Calculus: partial derivatives
- Probability: common distributions; Bayes Rule
- Statistics: mean/median/mode; maximum likelihood

Lab Plan

Lab No.	Lab Objective
1	End to End Machine Learning
2	Linear Regression and Gradient Descent Algorithm
3	Logistic Regression Classifier
4	Decision Tree
5	Naïve Bayes Classifier
6	Random Forest

Agenda

- What is Machine Learning?
- Why Machine Learning is important?
- Types of Machine Learning
- Application Areas
- Issues in Machine Learning
- Demo Case study

ML → 1959

Arthur Samuel · checkers'

Alan Turing's proposal in this paper titled

" Computing Machinery & Intelligence "

" Can Machines Think ?

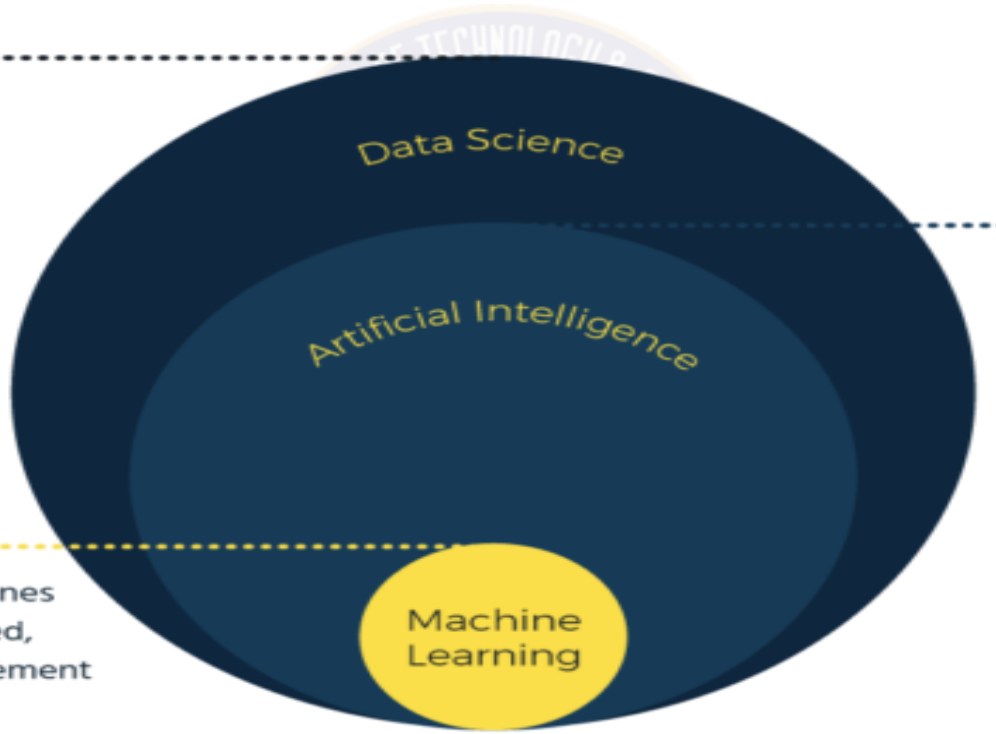
↓

Can machines do what humans do ?

AI vs. Data Science vs. Machine Learning

Data Science

- Collection, preparation, and analysis of data
- Leverages AI/ML, research, industry expertise, and statistics to make business decisions



Artificial Intelligence

- Technology for machines to understand/interpret, learn, and make 'intelligent' decisions
- Includes Machine Learning among many other fields

Machine Learning

- Algorithms that help machines improve through supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning
- Subset of AI and Data Science tool

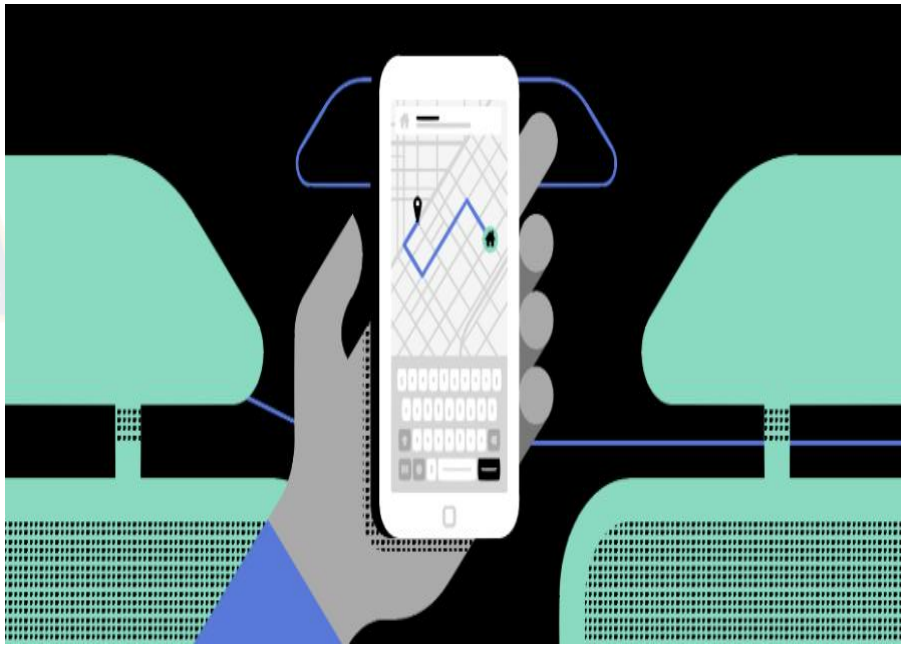
Introduction to Machine Learning

Common Use cases - Security & Transaction Domain

- Self Driving Cars → map, traffic, objects in travel path
- Fraud Detection in Banking credit card, trans. ids, login credentials,
- Email Filtering spam / normal, false id
- Dynamic Pricing in Travel surcharge, peak hour

Derived Applications:

- Cyber Security encrypted data
- Video Surveillance
- Object Detection ✓



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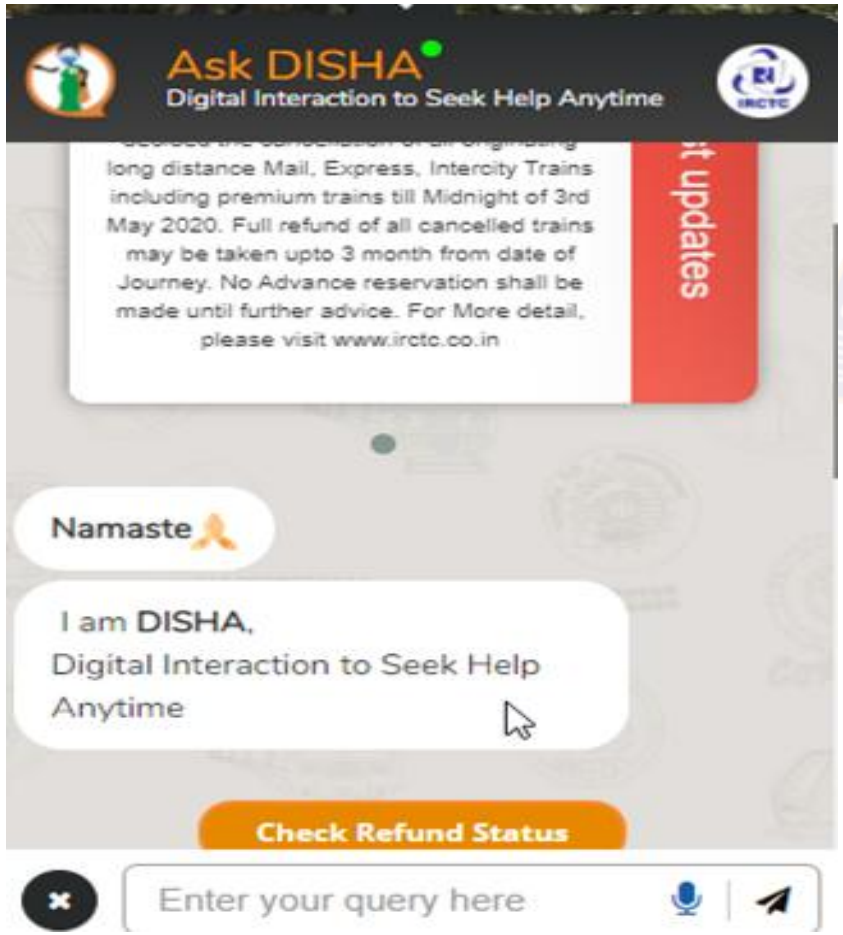
Common Use cases - Customer Support Systems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Digital Interaction to Seek Help Anytime
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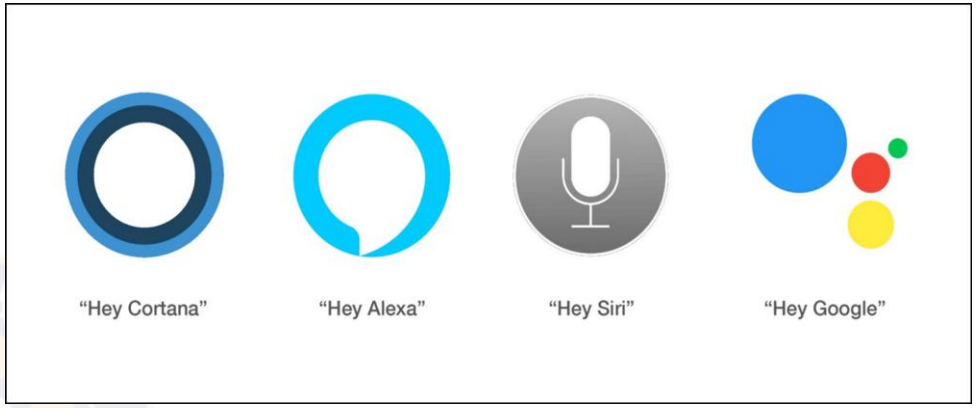

- Apple's Siri
- Google Assistant
- Amazon's Alexa
- Google Duplex
- Microsoft's Cortana
- Samsung's Bixby

Derived Applications:

> Customer Support Query (Voice vs Text)

> Chatbots

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Common Use cases - Recommendation Engines

amazon.com
Recommended for You
Amazon.com has new recommendations for you based on items you purchased or told us you own.
The Little Big Things: 163 Ways to Pursue EXCELLENCE
Fascinate: Your 7 Triggers to Persuasion and Captivation
Sherlock Holmes [Blu-ray]
Alice in Wonderland [Blu-ray]
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Josh Reyes,
Are you looking for something in our Sandals department? If so, you might be interested in these items.
Sandals
Birkenstock Women's Gizeh Cork Footbed Thong Sandal
by Birkenstock
Price: CDN$ 117.89 - CDN$ 168.63
Ships from and sold by Byward Centre.
Learn more
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Learn more
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- E-commerce sites like Amazon and Flipkart
- Book sites like Goodreads
- Movie services like IMDb and Netflix
- Hospitality sites like MakeMyTrip, Booking.com, etc.
- Retail services like StitchFix
- Food aggregators like Zomato and Uber Eats

Derived Applications:

> Personalized Marketing

> Personalized Banking

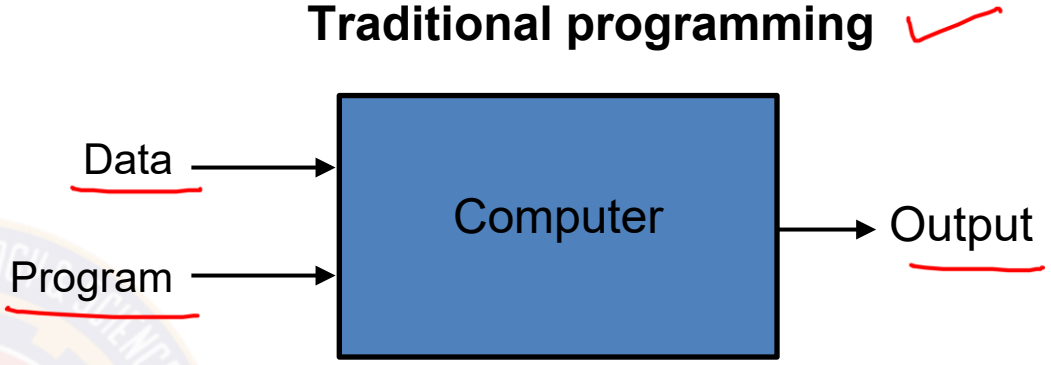
ML – What, When, Where ?

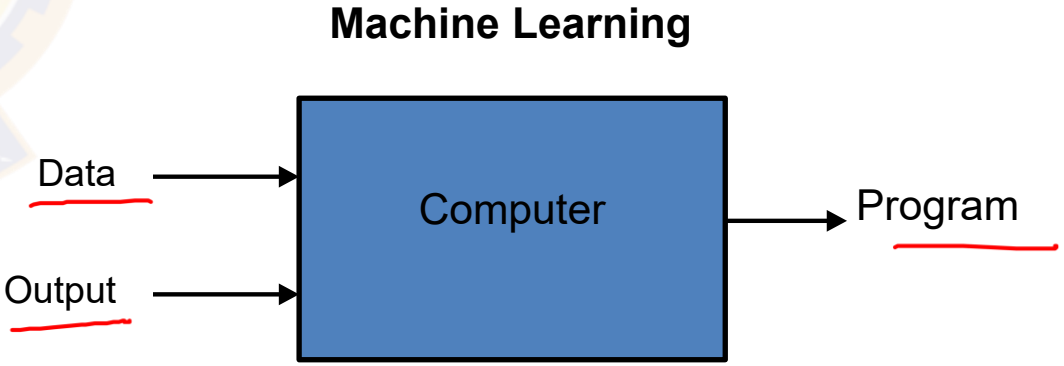
What is Machine Learning (ML)?

- The science (and art) of programming computers so they can *learn from data*
- More general definition

  Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed
- Engineering-oriented definition

  Algorithms that improve their performance P at some task T with experience E
  - A well-defined learning task is given by *<P, T, E>*





Introduction to Machine Learning

Defining the Learning Tasks

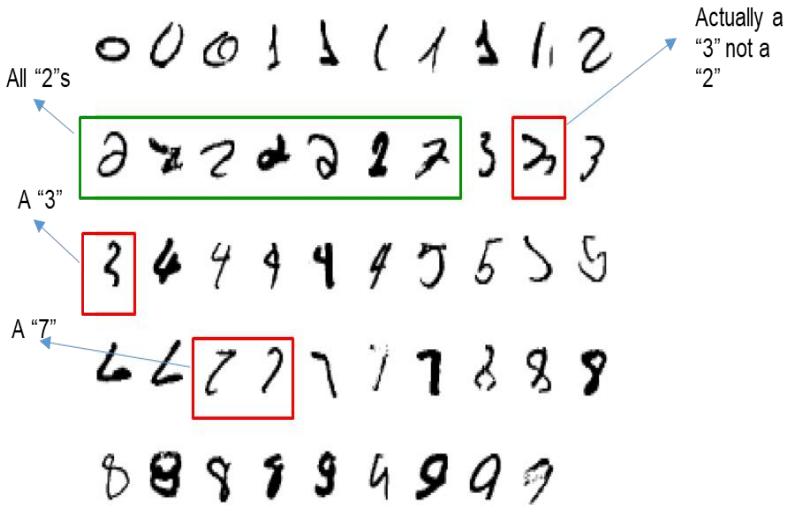
- **Example 1**

Task

  - T: Recognizing hand-written words
  - P: Percentage of words correctly classified

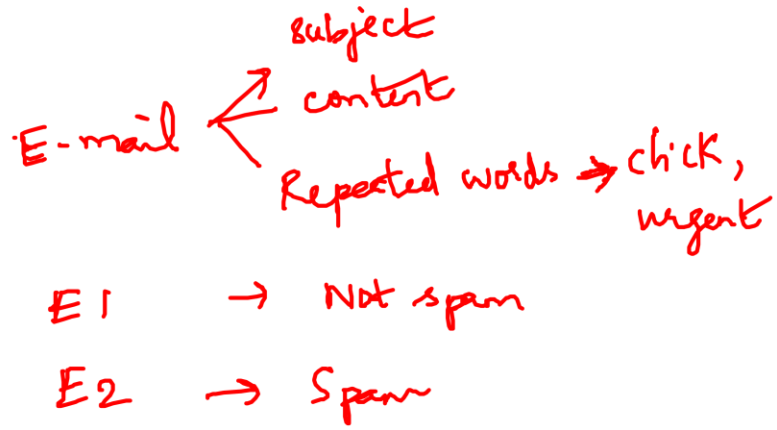
Experience

  - E: Database of human labelled images of handwritten words



- **Example 2**

  - T: Categorize email messages as spam or legitimate.
  - P: Percentage of email messages correctly classified.
  - E: Database of emails, some with human-given labels ✓



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Defining the Learning Tasks

Improve on task T, with respect to performance metric P, based on experience E

Example 3

T: Playing Checkers

P: Percent of games won against opponents

E: Games Played against itself

Example 4 self-driving car

T: Drive on public four-lane highways using vision sensors.

P: Average distance travelled before an error (as judged by human).

E: A sequence of images and steering commands recorded while observing a human driver

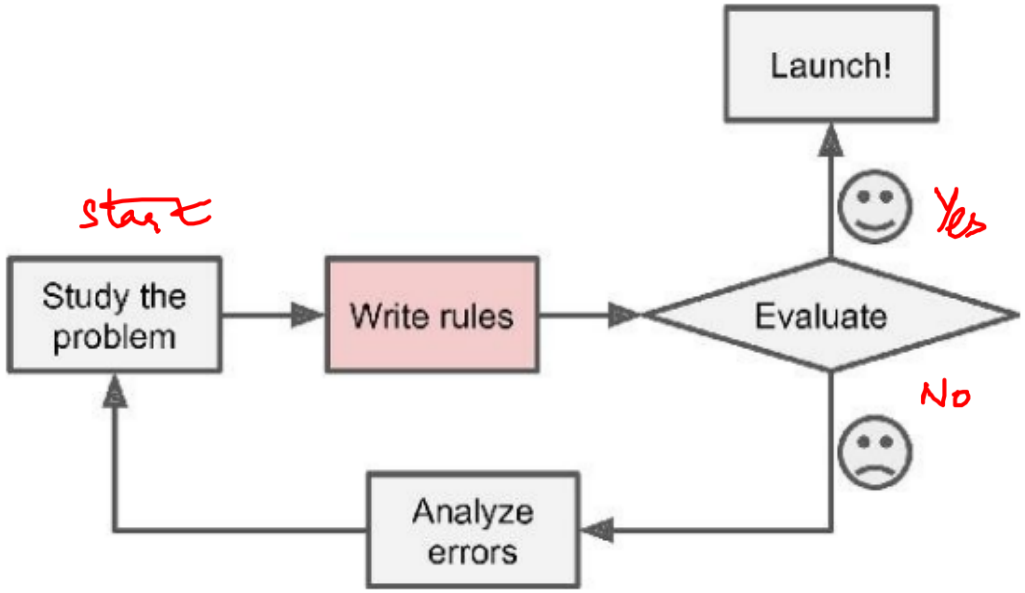
Introduction to Machine Learning

Traditional Approach - Spam Filtering

- Spam typically uses words or phrases such as “4U,” “credit card,” “free,” and “amazing”

- **Solution**
  - Write a detection algorithm for frequently appearing patterns in spams
  - Test and update the detection rules until it is good enough.

- **Challenge**
  - Detection algorithm likely
  - to be a long list of complex rules
  - hard to maintain.



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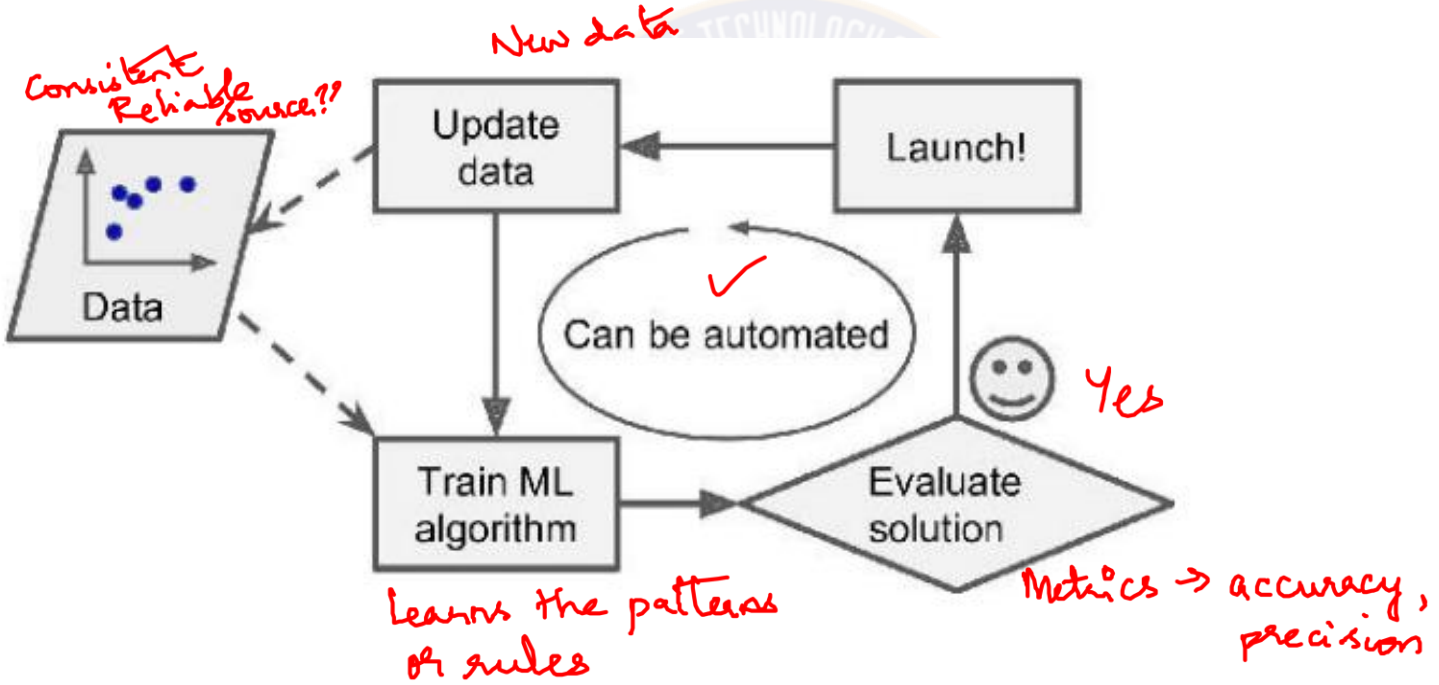
ML Approach - Spam Filtering

Automatically learns phrases that are good predictors of spam by detecting unusually frequent patterns of words in spams compared to “ham”s



The program is much shorter, easier to maintain, and most likely more accurate.

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Applications - Perspectives

Object Categorization

- Medical Diagnosis
- Transaction Analysis
- Recommendation System
- Speech – Text Processing

Sequence Prediction

- Pattern Recognition
- Optimization
- Decision System

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Applications - Perspectives

Planning

- Navigation
- Path Finding
- Gaming
- Controlling

Sequence Prediction

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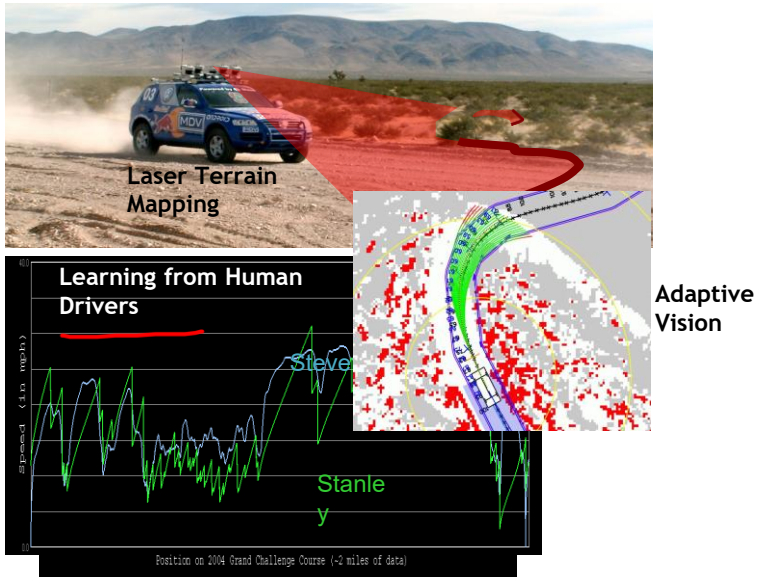
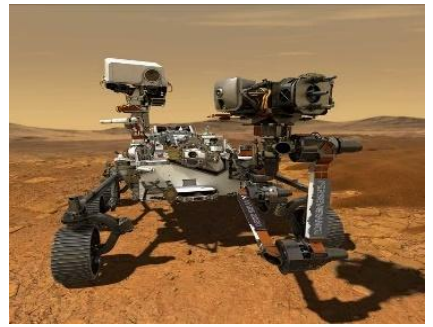


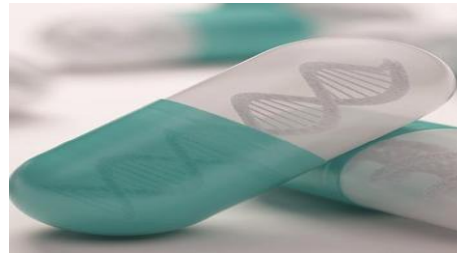
Why ML

When Do We Use Machine Learning?

ML is used when:

- Human expertise does not exist (navigating on Mars)
- Humans can't explain their expertise (Biometrics)
- Models must be customized (personalized medicine)
- Learning isn't always useful:
  - There is no need to "learn" to calculate payroll





S.I → deposit

$S.I = \frac{PNR}{100}$

Experience → Basic pay

No. of days

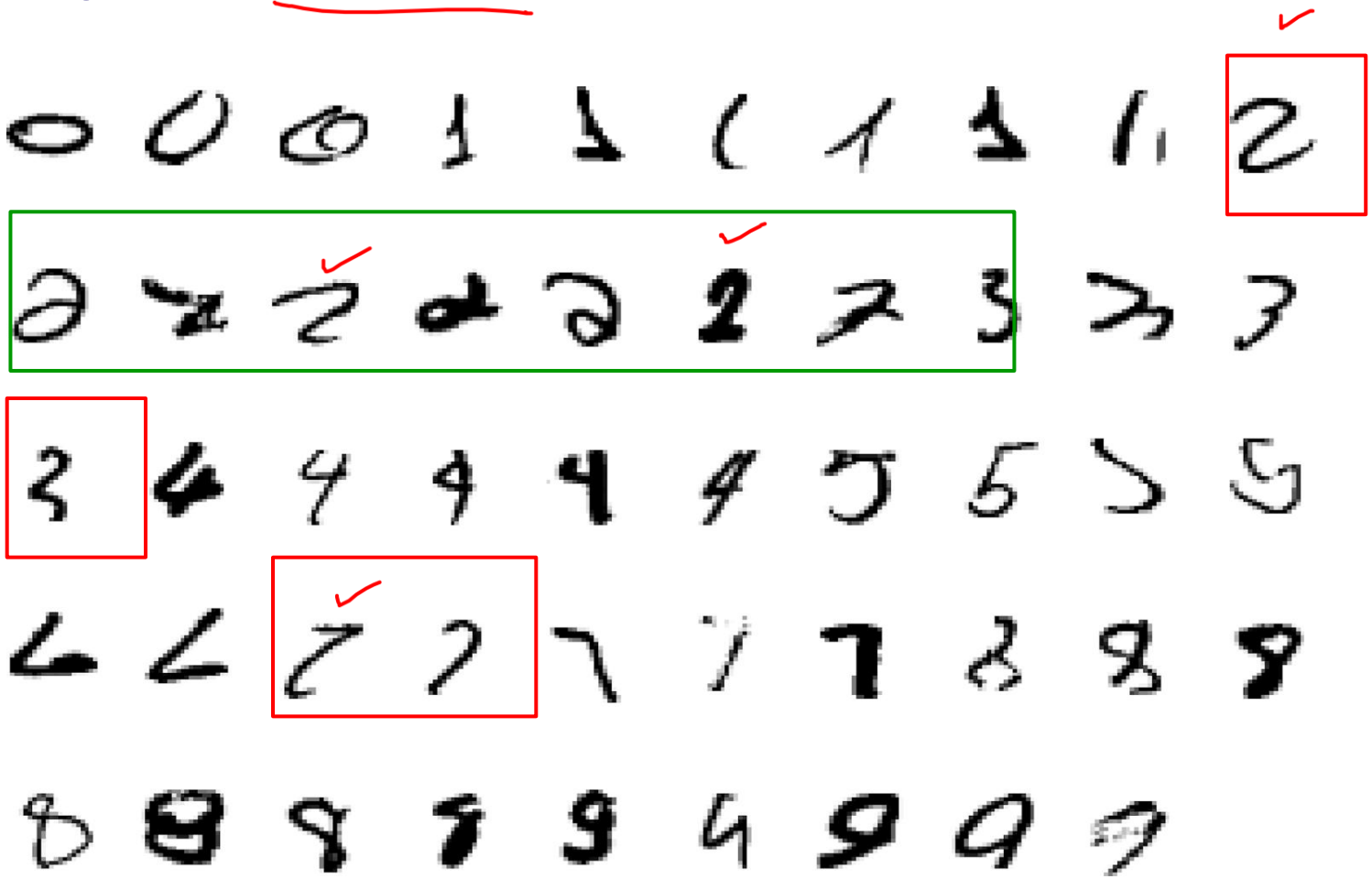
Contribution → PF, Insurance

Why only ML?

- Some tasks cannot be defined well, except by examples.
  - It is very hard to write programs that solve problems like recognizing a handwritten digit
  - What distinguishes a 2 from a 7?
  - How does our brain do it
- Hidden relationships and correlations in data
- large data makes it difficult for explicit encoding by humans (e.g., medical diagnostic)
- Continuous availability of new knowledge

Pattern recognition

It is very hard to say what makes a 2



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Types of ML

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Types : Inputs: Based on level of supervision

Feedback	No Feedback	Delayed Feedback (rewards/penalty)
Supervised	Unsupervised	Reinforcement

labels

clustering/ grouping

trail & error

→ environment

chatgpt

into ML

✓ X

10 2

grade

like/dislike

correct/ incorrect

X

Machine Learning - Examples

Objective: Employability Prediction

Features / Attributes / Predictors

- ✓ CGPA
- ✓ Communication Skills
- ✓ Aptitude
- ✓ Programming Skills

S.No.	CGPA (Numeric)	Communication Skills	Aptitude	Programming Skills	Job Offered?
1	9.1	Average	Good	Excellent	Yes
2	8.4	Good	Good	Good	Yes
3	8.3	Poor	Average	Average	No
4	7.1	Average	Good	Average	No
5	8.2	Good	Excellent	Excellent	No

Machine Learning - Examples

Objective : Predicting price of a used car

Features / Attributes / Predictors

- ✓ Brand
- ✓ Year (Mfg)
- ✓ Engine Capacity
- ✓ Mileage
- ✓ Distance travelled
- ✓ Cab?

S.No	Brand	Year (Mfg)	Engine Capacity	Mileage	Distance travelled	Cab?	Price (in Rs.)
1.	Honda City ZX	2008	1100	10.5	45000	N	3,50,000
2							
3							
4							

Machine Learning - Examples

Objective: Market Segmentation Study

Features / Attributes / Predictors

- ✓ Family income
- ✓ # of visits in a month
- ✓ Average money spent in a month
- ✓ Zip code

Customers for a retailer may fall into

- ✓ two groups say big spenders and low spenders
- ✓ three groups say big spenders, medium spenders and low spenders
- ✓ Four groups, ….

S.No.	Zip Code	Family Income	# of visits in a month	Average Money Spent in a month
1	500078	11,50,000	4	8,000

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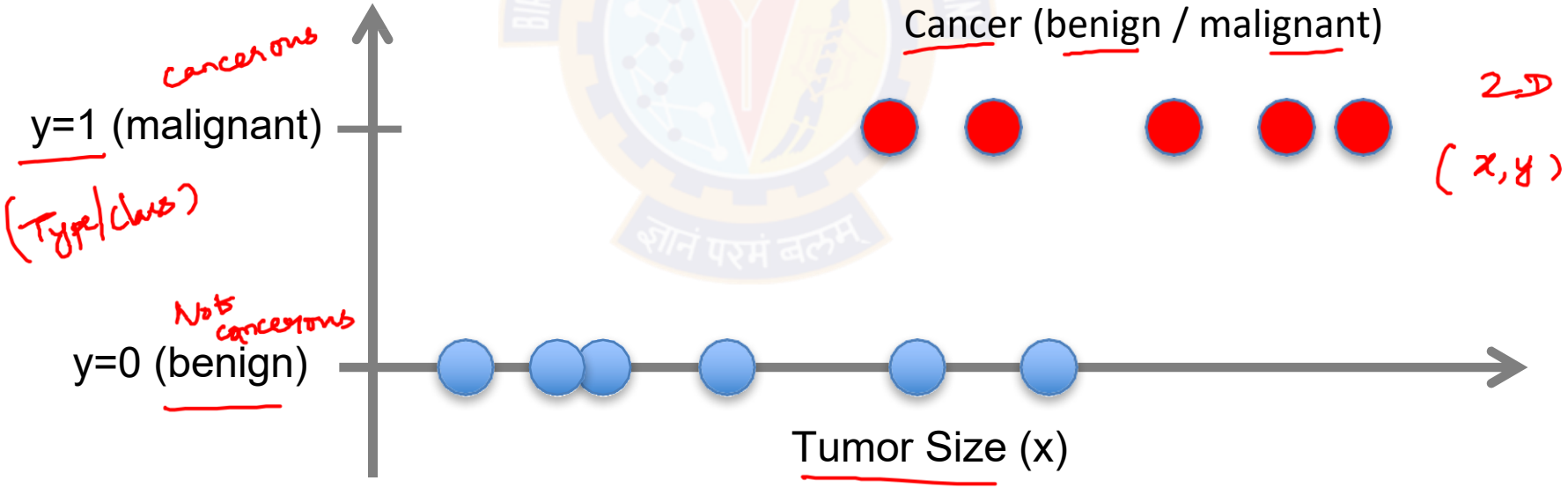
Supervised Learning: Classification

GOAL : Previously unseen records should be assigned a class as accurately as possible.

- Given $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Learn a function $f(x)$ to predict y given x
  - y is categorical



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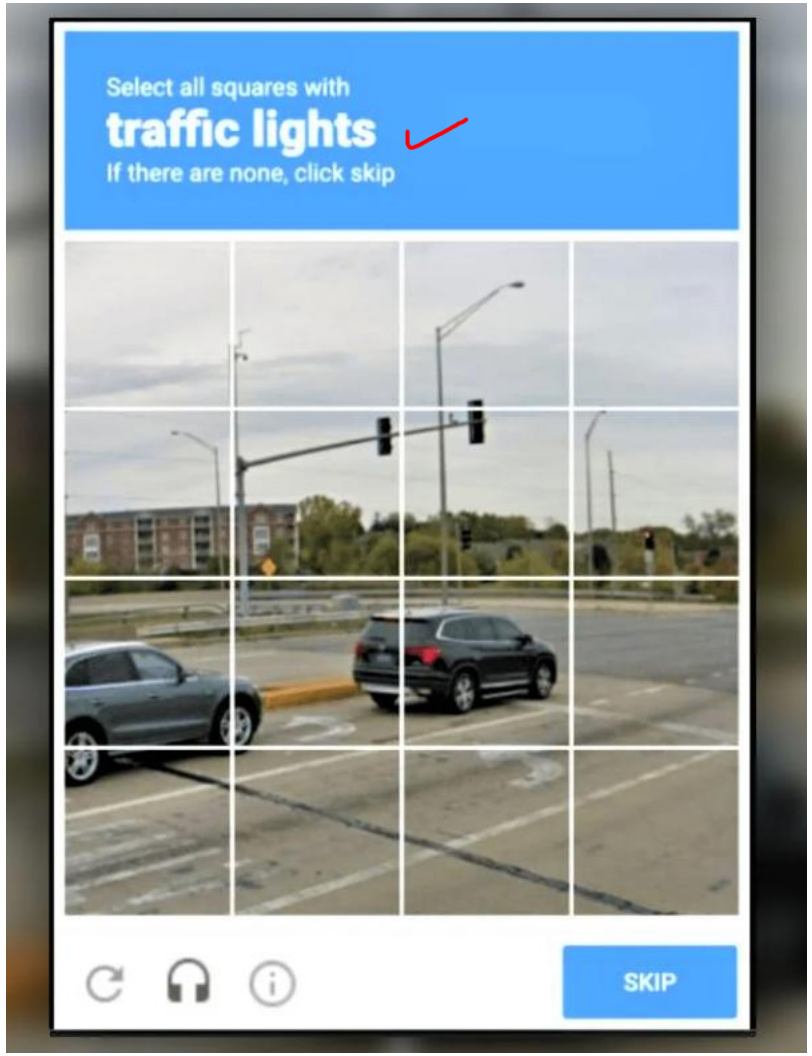
Classification Applications

- Google Image Classification
- Face recognition system
- Spam filters – Specific Controls
- Document tagging
- Fraud detection



Spam filters:

- Content filters analyze the text inside an email and use that information to decide whether or not to mark it as spam. The content of spam emails is often predictable, particularly because they tend to have the same basic objectives: offer deals, promote explicit material, or otherwise tap into human emotions, feelings, and desires.

Content filters may search for words connected to money, such as “discount,” “limited time,” or “offer.” To trigger the filter, there typically would have to be multiple uses of the target word.

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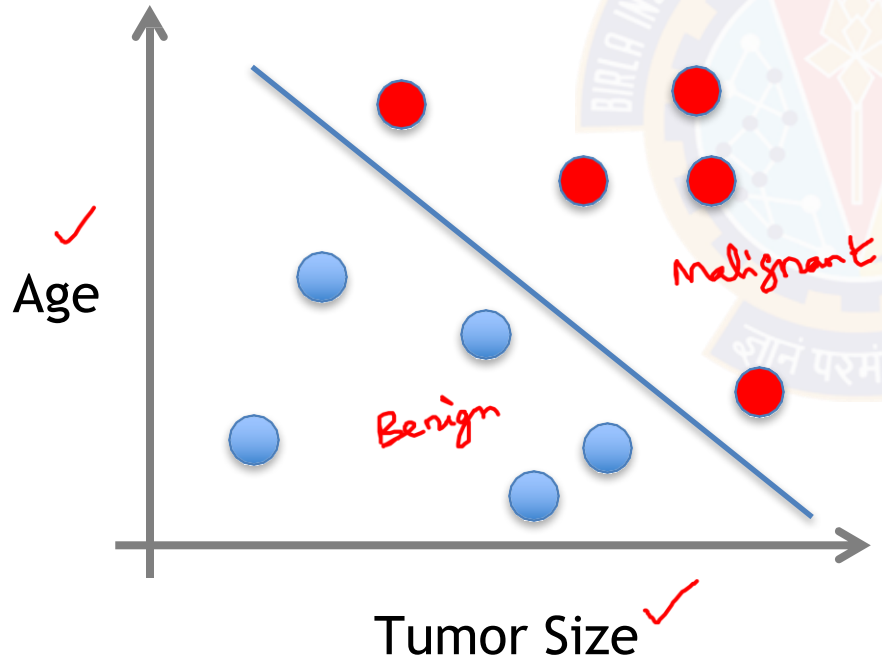
Supervised Learning: Classification

- x can be multi-dimensional
  - Each dimension corresponds to an attribute

Increasing Feature Dimension

- Clump Thickness
- Uniformity of Cell Size
- Uniformity of Cell Shape
- …



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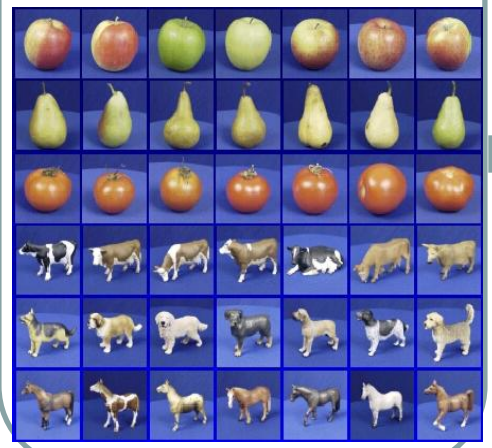
Supervised Learning Techniques / Algorithms

- Linear Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Naïve Bayes Classifiers
- Support Vector Machines (SVMs) Classification
- Decision Trees and Random Forests
- Neural networks

A Typical Supervised Learning Workflow (for Classification)

Training

Training Images



Training Labels

Features

Training

Learned model

Testing

Test Image

Features

Learned model

Prediction

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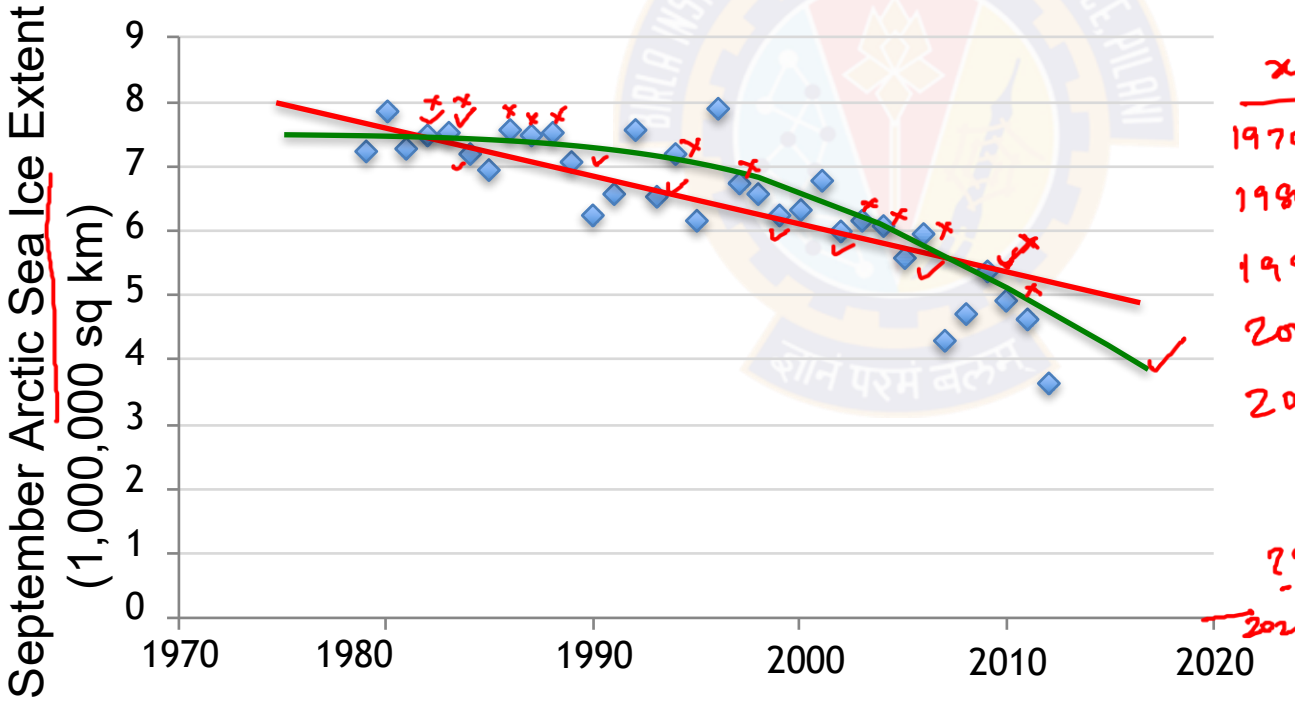
Supervised Learning: Regression (Prediction)

GOAL : Previously unseen records should be assigned a value as accurately as possible.

- Given $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Learn a function $f(x)$ to predict y given x_i
  - y is real-valued



$y = a x_1^2 + a_2 x_2^2$

$y = a x_1 + b x_2$ → no. of lecture attended, no. of study hours

Result

Linear regression model

x_1	y_1
1970	7
1980	6
1990	5.5
2000	5
2025	??

$y = ax + b$

$(a, b) = (1, 2)$

when $x = 12$

what is y ??

new $y = 1(12) + 2 = 14$

when $x = -2$

new $y = (1)(-2) + 2 = 0$

Data from G. Witt. Journal of Statistics Education, Volume 21, Number 1 (2013) Slide Credit: Eric Eaton

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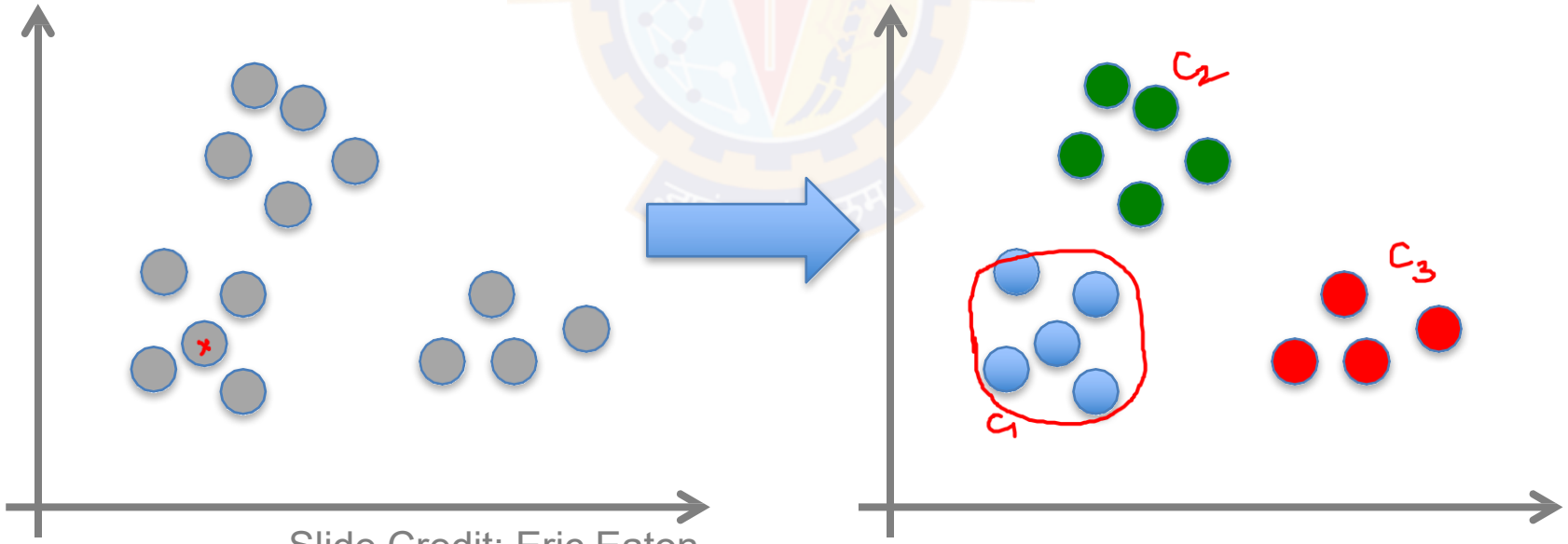
Unsupervised Learning

GOAL : Intra cluster distances are minimized and inter cluster distances are maximized

- Given $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ (without labels)
- Output hidden structure behind the x's
  - e.g., clustering



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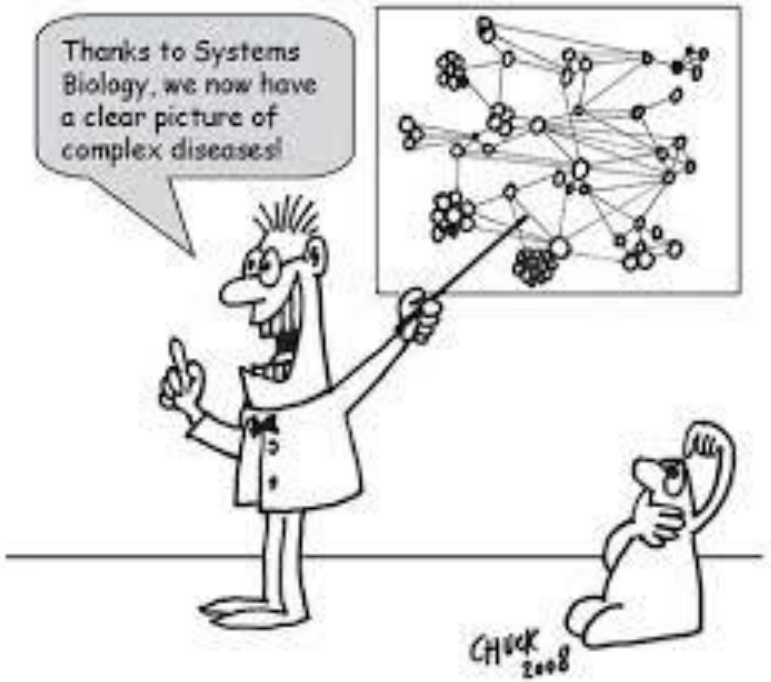
Unsupervised Learning Applications

- Personalized recommendation system
- Targeted marketing
- Spam Filters
- Content Management – News hosted in Web
- Campaigning



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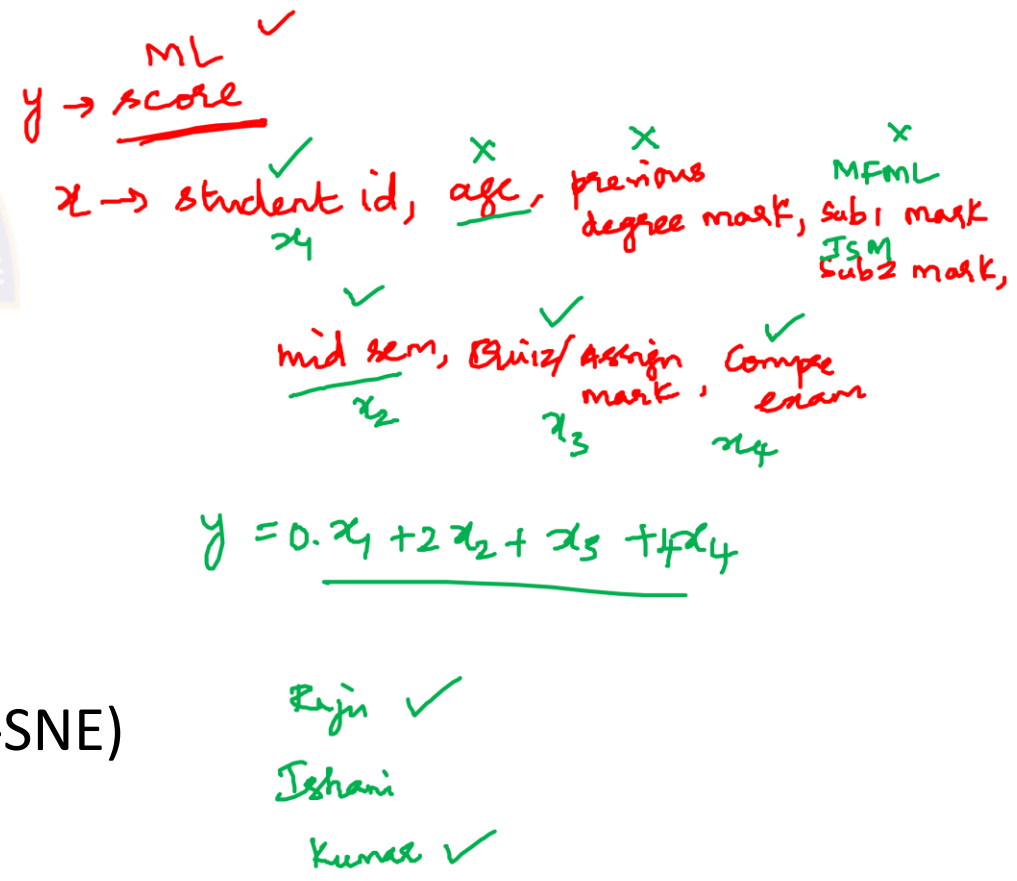
Unsupervised Learning Techniques

Clustering

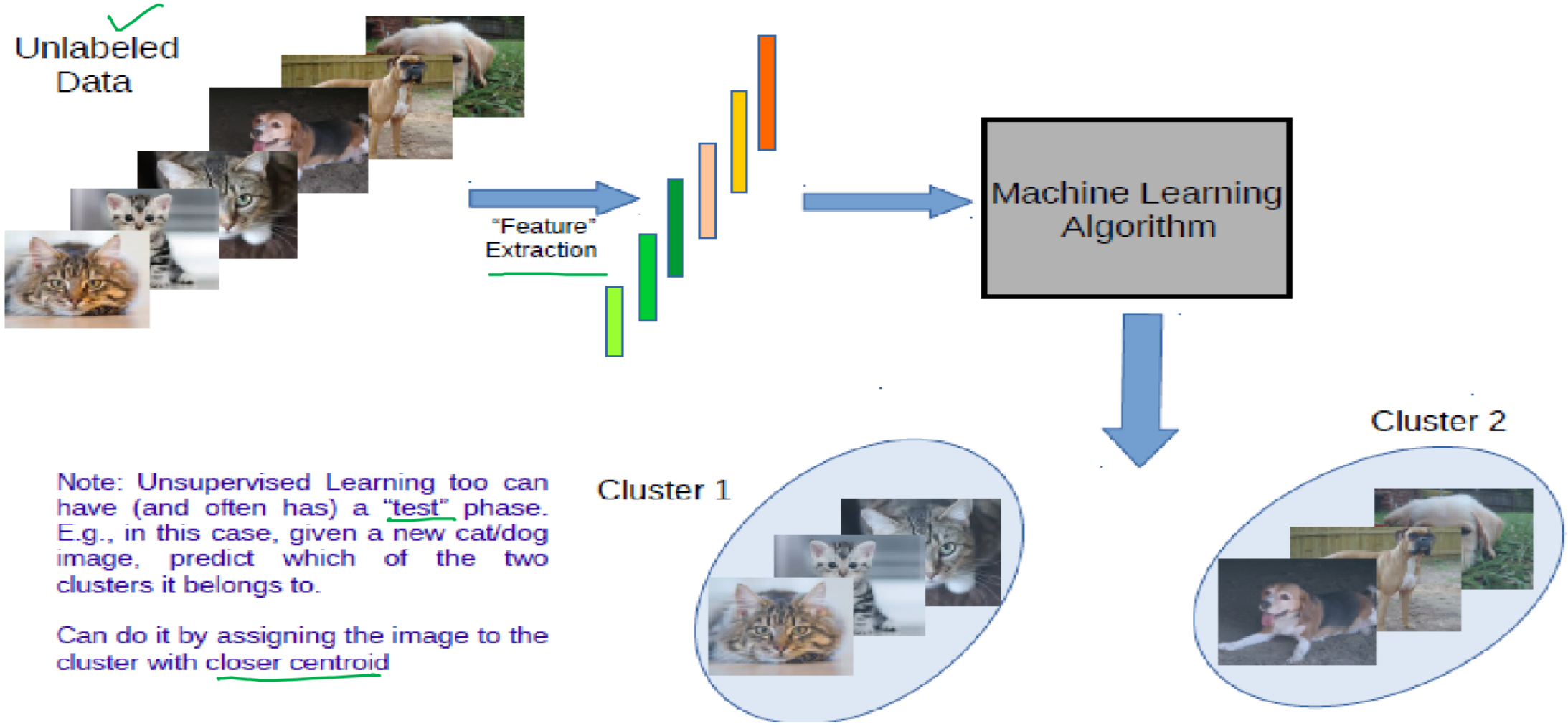
- k-Means
- Hierarchical Cluster Analysis
- Expectation Maximization

Visualization and dimensionality reduction

- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Kernel PCA
- Locally-Linear Embedding (LLE)
- t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)



A Typical Unsupervised Learning Workflow (for Clustering)



Note: Unsupervised Learning too can have (and often has) a "test" phase. E.g., in this case, given a new cat/dog image, predict which of the two clusters it belongs to.

Can do it by assigning the image to the cluster with closer centroid

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Reinforcement Learning

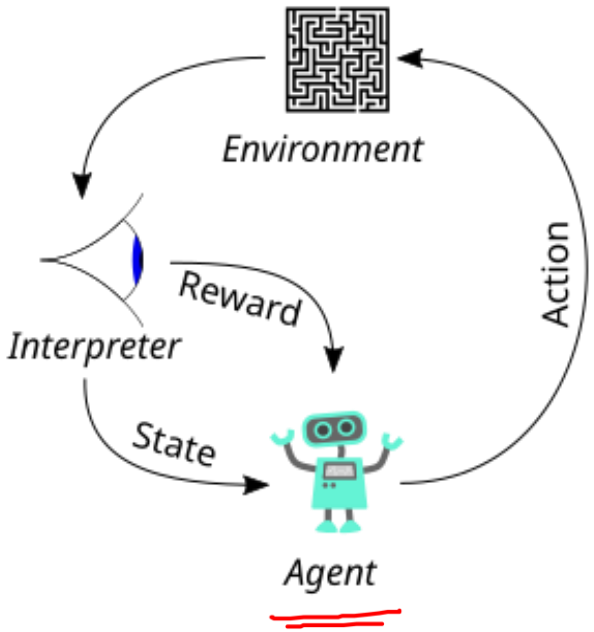
- feedback-based Machine learning technique
- agent learns automatically using feedbacks without any labeled data, unlike supervised learning
- an agent learns to behave in an environment by performing the actions and seeing the results of actions
- For each good action, the agent gets positive feedback, and for each bad action, the agent gets negative feedback or penalty

Example - How a Robotic dog learns movement of his arms

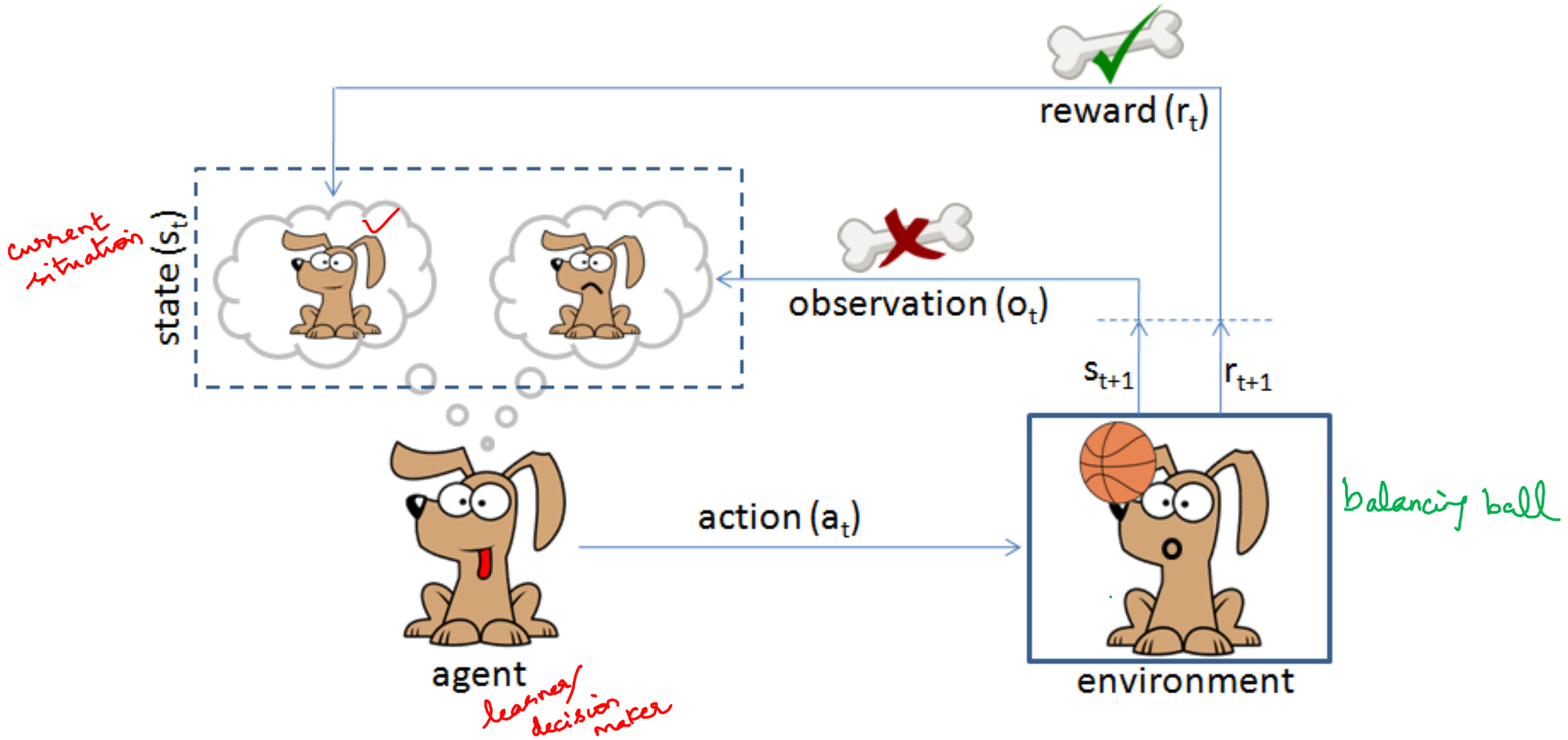
- solves specific type of problem where decision making is sequential, and the goal is long-term, such as game-playing, robotics, etc.

Reinforcement Learning

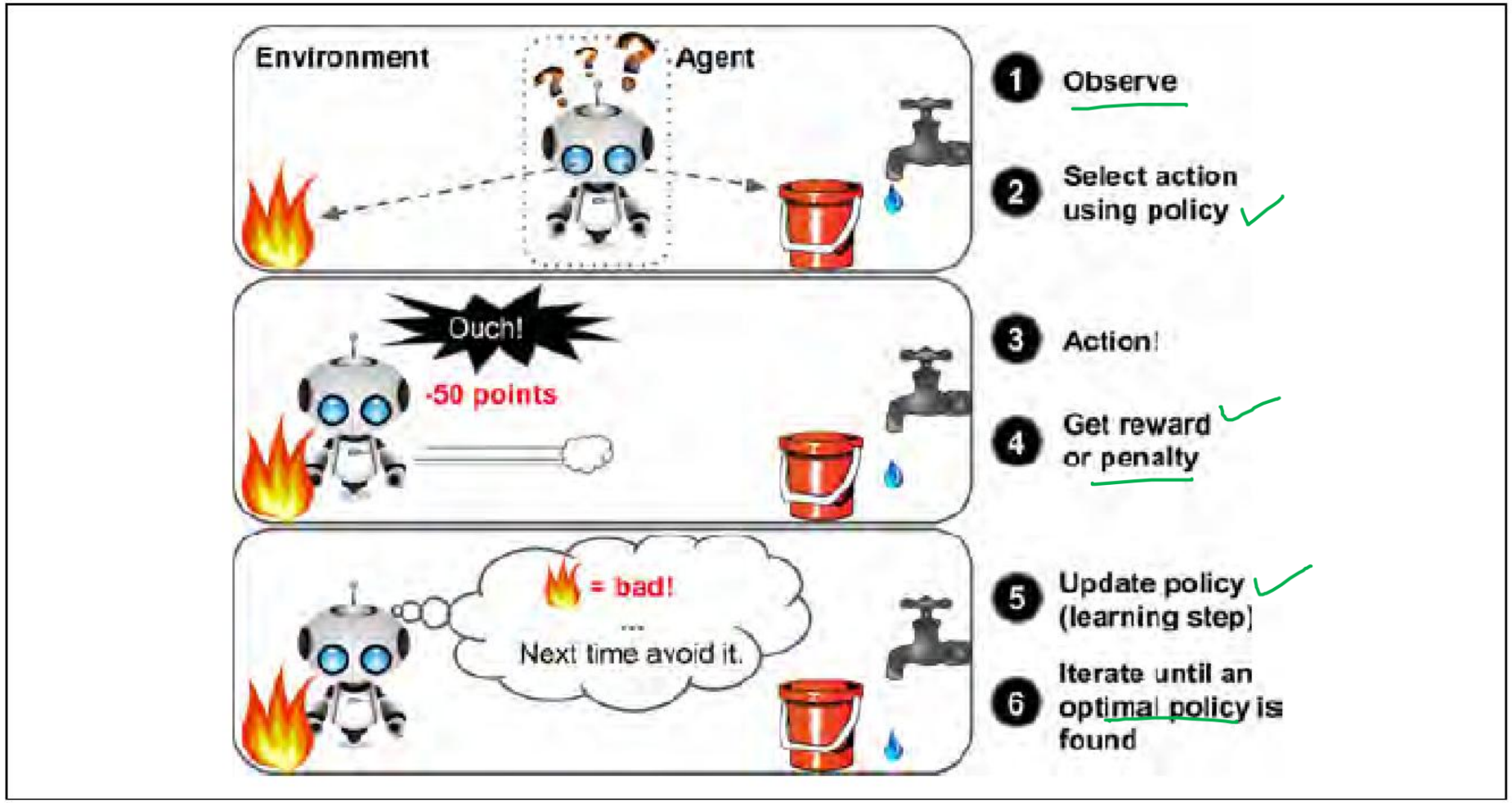
- RL centered around a digital agent who is put in a specific environment to learn
- Similar to way that we learn new things, agent faces a game-like situation
- must make a series of decisions to try to achieve correct outcome
- Through trial and error, agent will learn what to do (and what not to do) and is rewarded and punished accordingly
- Every time it receives a reward, it reinforces the behaviour and signals the agent to employ the same tactics again next time



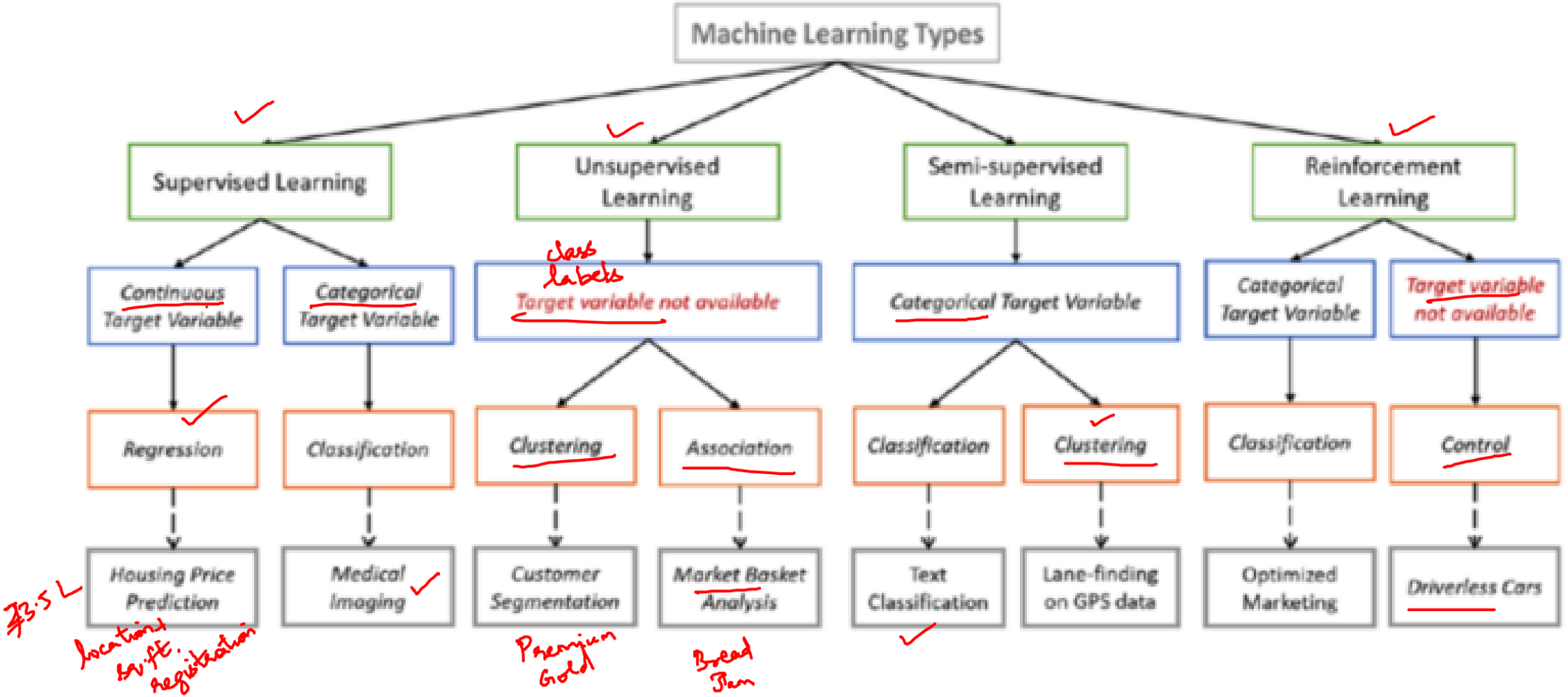
Reinforcement Learning



Reinforcement Learning



Summary : Types of Learning



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Comparison :
Supervised, Unsupervised and Reinforcement Learning

Criteria	Supervised Learning	Unsupervised Learning	Reinforcement Learning
Definition	The machine learns by using labeled data	The machine is trained on unlabeled data without any guidance	An agent interacts with its environment by performing actions & learning from errors or rewards
Type of problems	Regression & classification	Association & clustering	Reward-based
Type of data	Labeled data	Unlabeled data	No predefined data
Training	External supervision	No supervision	No supervision
Approach	Maps the labeled inputs to the known outputs	Understands patterns & discovers the output	Follows the trial-and-error method

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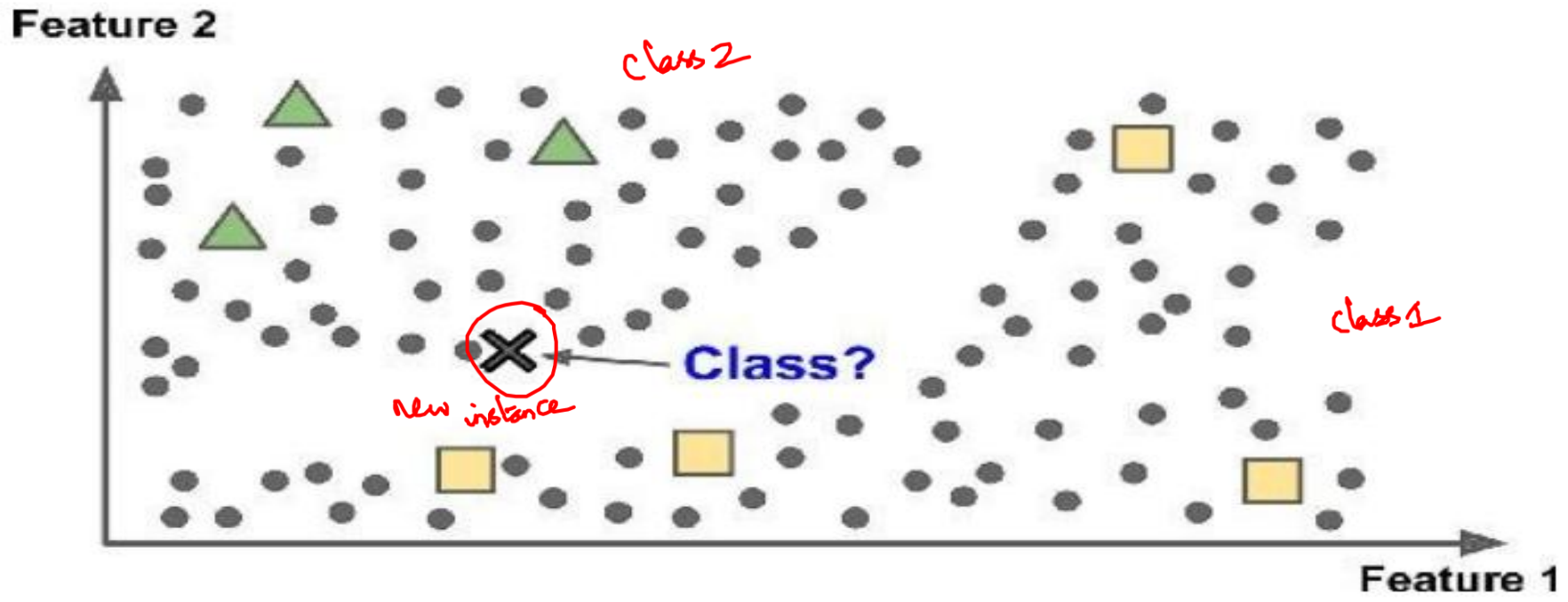
Semi supervised Learning

Partially labelled data – some labelled data and a lot of unlabelled data

- Combines unsupervised and supervised learning algorithms
- Photo hosting service, e.g., google photos



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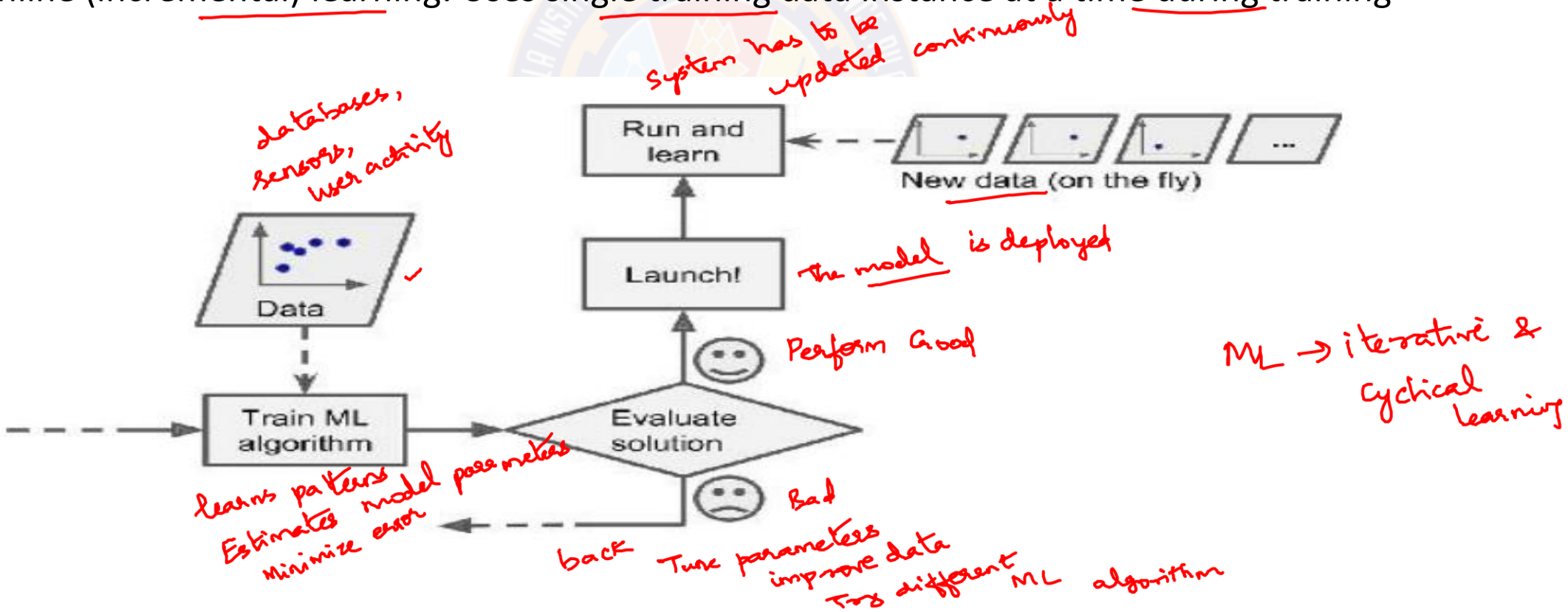
Types: Based on how training data is used

- Batch learning: Uses all available data at a time during training
- Mini Batch learning: Uses a subset of available at a time during training
- Online (incremental) learning: Uses single training data instance at a time during training



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Types: Based on how training data is used

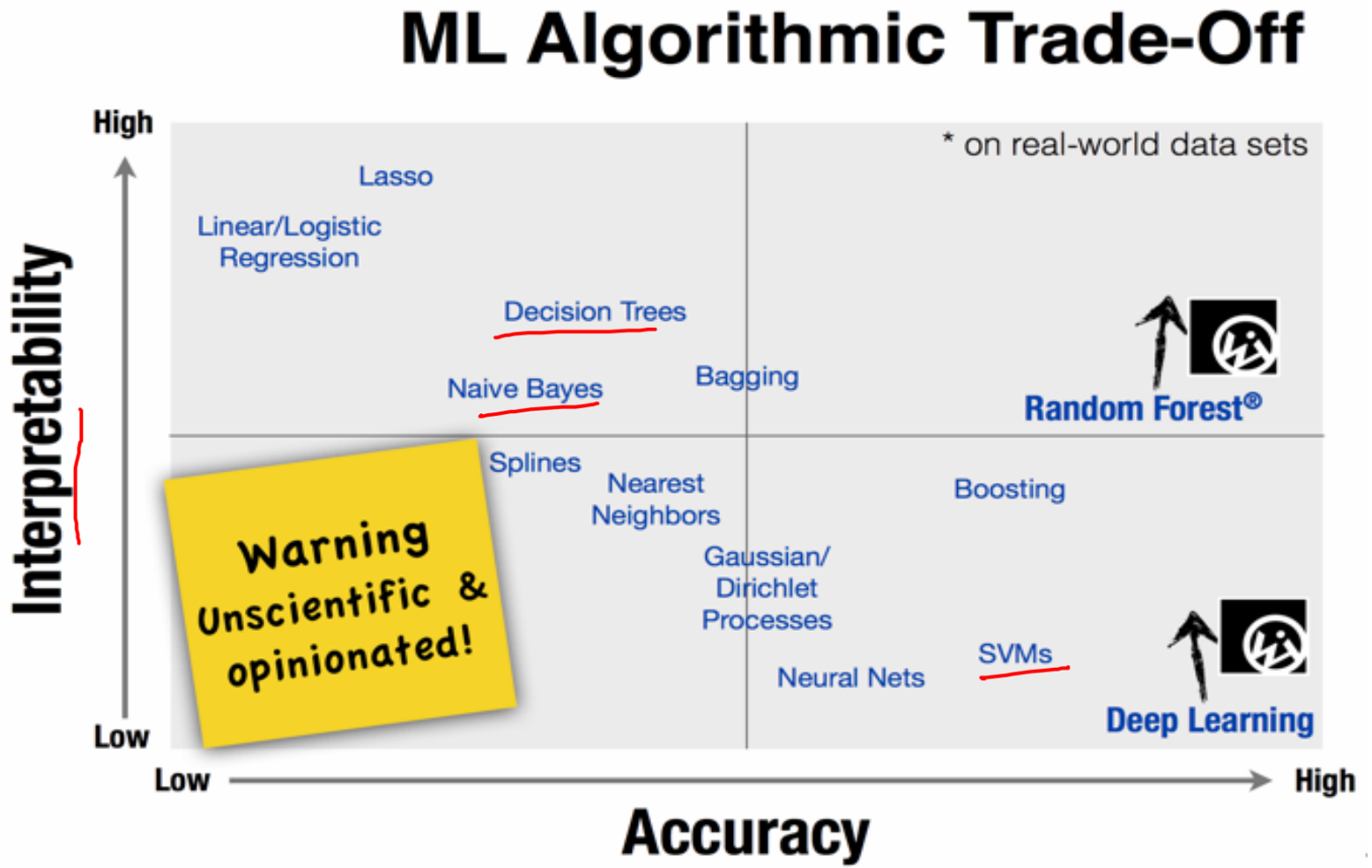
- Instance Based Learning: Compare new data points to known data points
- Model Based learning : Detect patterns in the training data and build a predictive model

Open source ML programming tools

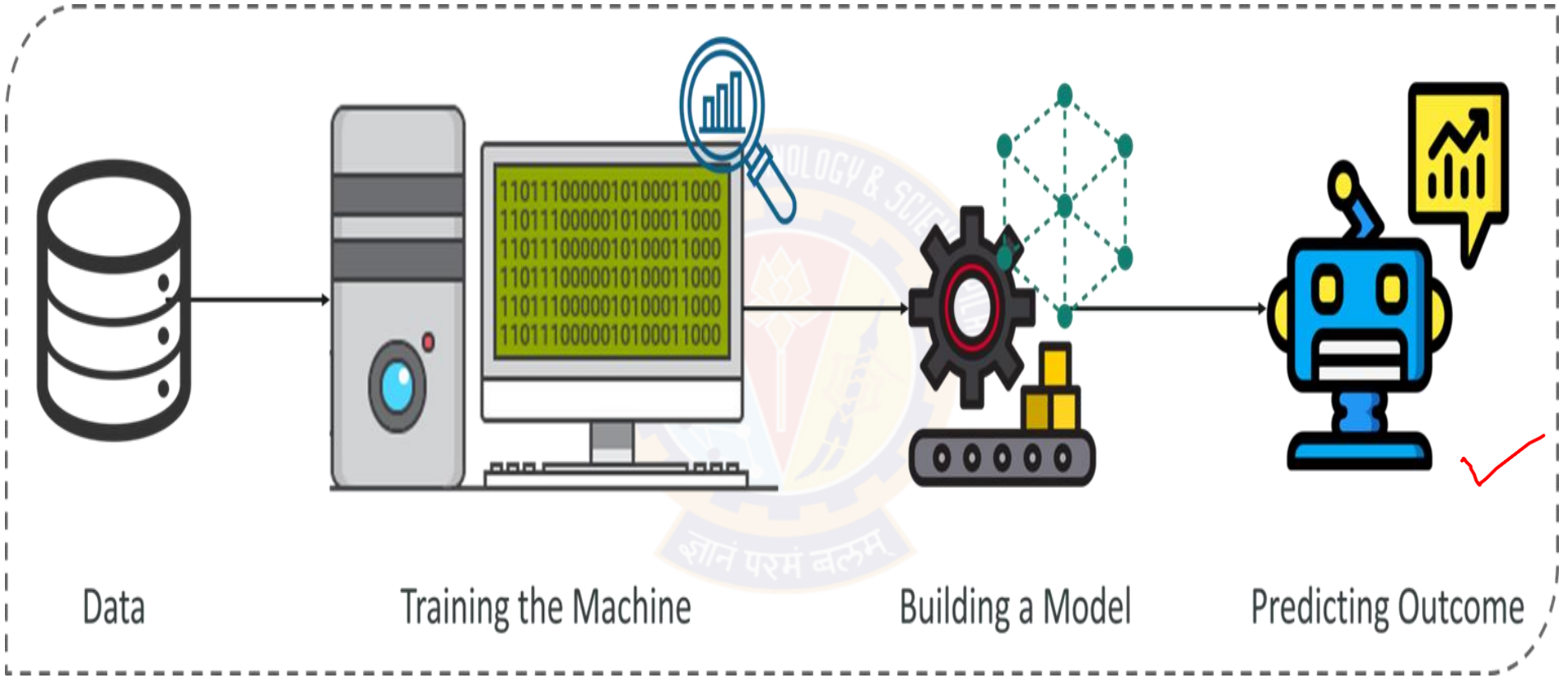
	Platform		Algorithms or Features
Scikit Learn	Linux, Mac OS, Windows	Python, C, C++	Classification, Regression, Clustering Preprocessing, Model Selection Dimensionality reduction.
PyTorch	Linux, Mac OS, Windows	Python, C++	Autograd Module, Optimization Module NN Module
TensorFlow	Linux, Mac OS, Windows	Python, C++	Provides a library for dataflow programming.
Weka	Linux, Mac OS, Windows	Java	Data preparation, Classification Regression, Clustering, Visualization Association rules mining

Open source ML programming tools

Colab	Cloud Service	-	Supports libraries of PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, and OpenCV
Apache Mahout	Cross-platform	Java Scala	Preprocessors,Regression Clustering, Recommenders Distributed Linear Algebra.
Accors.Net	Cross-platform	C#	Classification, Regression, Distribution Clustering, Hypothesis Tests & Kernel Methods, Image, Audio & Signal & Vision
Shogun	Windows Linux, UNIX Mac OS	C++	Regression, Classification, Clustering Support vector machines. Dimensionality reduction, Online learning etc.
Keras.io	Cross-platform	Python	API for neural networks


ML Algorithmic Trade-Off
High
Low
Interpretability
* on real-world data sets
Lasso
Linear/Logistic Regression
Decision Trees
Naive Bayes
Bagging
Random Forest®
Splines
Nearest Neighbors
Boosting
Gaussian/ Dirichlet Processes
SVMs
Neural Nets
Deep Learning
Warning Unscientific & opinionated!
Low
High
Accuracy

ML workflow


Data
Training the Machine
Building a Model
Predicting Outcome

ML workflow

1. Should I use ML on this problem?
   - Is there a pattern to detect?
   - Can I solve it analytically?
   - Do I have data?
2. Gather and organize data.
3. Preprocessing, cleaning, visualizing.
4. Choosing a model, loss, regularization, ...
5. Optimization
6. Hyper parameter search.
7. Analyze performance and mistakes, and iterate back to step 5 (or 3)

Example: Car Price prediction based on Mileage

- Define the Objective
- Data Gathering: survey, Past Purchase data
- Data Preprocessing
  - training set; test set
  - representation of input features; output
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Choose form of model: linear regression
- System's performance evaluation: objective function
- Optimize performance by setting appropriate parameters: Optimization
- Evaluate on test set: generalization

X Mileage	Y Car Price	H0	Error L1
9.8	10.48	9	2
9.12	1.75	8	7
9.5	6.95	9	3
10	2.51	9	7

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Thank you